

Pages 8-9, please delete the carryover paragraph, which begins on line 34 of page 8, and replace it with the following new paragraph:

C² Figures 4A-4C illustrate two options for orienting or stretching a multilayer film in a continuous or sequential method.

Page 21, please delete the third full paragraph, which begins on line 10, and replace it with the following new paragraph:

C³ As shown in Figure 4, in option 1, the 5-layer film shown at 10, is extruded from the die 1 and passes through a vacuum box 2 where it contacts a primary chill roll 3 and a nip plate out roll 4. The 5-layer material is stretched between the primary chill roll 3 and a secondary chill roll 5. A nip roll 7 keeps the film material against the secondary chill roll 5. The stretching area is shown as 6.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please insert amended claims 26-27 and 29 as follows:

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26. A multilayer breathable film having the combination of properties of:

- (i) providing a barrier to microorganisms; and
- (ii) providing a barrier to blood and bodily fluids;

said breathable film comprising at least a three-layer film having as a minimum the following structure:

C:D:C;